A Commitment to Education

Minnesota's commitment to education is reflected in the quality of its workforce. The state's workers are among the most highly educated and trained in the country – a major attraction for companies that are looking for a place to expand.

The University of Minnesota is a world-class research university, and the state's eighth-graders rank near the head of the class in math, science and reading scores. One study of the most literate cities in America rated Minneapolis third and St. Paul sixth.

WHY MINNESOTA

- Minnesota ranks **2nd in the nation** for the percent of population with a high school degree or higher.
- Minnesota ranks **3rd in the nation** in a report that measures long-term competitiveness of an area due to its healthy and well-educated workforce.
- More than **200 public and private post-secondary institutions** offer postsecondary educational opportunities.
- The University of Minnesota campuses serve more than **76,000 students** and offers more than 370 degrees.
- The University of Minnesota-Twin Cities **ranks 13th nationwide in R&D.**
- The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities operate 54 campuses in 47 Minnesota communities and serve 250,000 students—with **33,500 graduates each year**.
- Students at Minnesota's private colleges accounted for **9,556 bachelors degrees** awarded in the state and **4,561 graduate degrees** in the 2011-2012 school year.

Postsecondary Institutions in Minnesota, 2012	
Institution Type	**Number**
Public Four-Year Institutions	12 (Five University of Minnesota campuses and seven State University campuses)
Public two-year community and technical colleges	30
Private institutions offering associate or higher degrees	81
Licensed private career institutions offering associate degree	88

Source: Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

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